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1. CARACAS PRESS MARCH 17 GAVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO VISIT BY MRS. DONNA NIEHOUS MARCH 16 TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CARACAS, CARDINAL QUINTERO, TO ASK THE CARDINAL'S INTERCESSION IN GETTING A MESSAGE TO THE KIDNAPPERS OF HER HUSBAND. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT MRS. NIEHOUS PRAYED IN THE CATHEDRAL FOR HER HUSBAND'S RETURN. LATER THAT DAY CARDINAL QUINTERO SENT MRS. NIEHOUS' MESSAGE TO THE LEADING CARACAS NEWSPAPERS UNDER COVER OF A LETTER FROM HIM TO THEIR EDITORS.

2. MRS. NIEHOUS' MESSAGE TO THE KIDNAPPERS WAS ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS. HER MESSAGE, EMOTIONAL IN TONE, URGES THE RETURN OF HER HUSBAND'S "SAFE AND SOUND," STATES THAT THE NIEHOUS FAMILY DOES NOT POSSESS THE MONEY TO PAY RANSOM FOR NIEHOUS AND BEGS FOR SOME PROOF THAT NIEHOUS IS STILL ALIVE.
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